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May 29, 1979
671-0179 (H)
224-7235 (Dirksen Bldg.) Eve.

Honorable Claiborne Pell
Senator from Rhode Island
Russell Building
Rm. 325
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Pell:

About three weeks ago I left copies of two letters I received from the U. of Rhode Island with your receptionist. They were in reply to a possible support relationship between the University and the Institute of American Folk Drama (IAFD).

Since then I have given Mr. Alexander Crary a copy of the full proposal for establishing a home for the IAFD and other informational materials. I have heard nothing from him. Indeed, he did not think it a matter you should be concerned with.

On the contrary, I believe it is a matter that would be of interest to you. I am therefore appealing herein directly to you. Enclosed you will find a copy of an abstract of the proposal to establish the IAFD. It is very brief and can be read quickly. If you wish more information, Mr. Crary has the whole set of materials I gave to him.

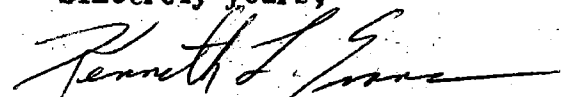
The reason I want you to know of the IAFD is that a cultural and educational institution of the magnitude of the IAFD can be of considerable significance and worth to the University of Rhode Island and the State of Rhode Island. And I know of your fine record of concern for cultural matters in this country as a whole.

If you find the abstract interesting and the IAFD a worthwhile project for the U. of Rhode Island to sponsor, I would deeply appreciate it if you would write a letter of recommendation for such a relationship to the following person, who is now reading the same materials I gave to Mr. Crary.

Dr. James W. Flannery
Chairman
URI/Theatre
Fine Arts Center
Kingston, Rhode Island 02881

Any attention and consideration you can give to this matter, Senator, will not be lost.

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth L. Evans
Founder/Director IAFD